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SUBJECT: PRESS REPORT ON NEW U.S. BASE

1. SEOUL SHINMUN TOKYO CORRESPONDENT HAS QUOTED TOKYO SHINBUN REPORT (DISPATCHED FROM SEOUL FEB 26) THAT U.S., HAVING REDISCOVERED STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF KOREA, IS PROMOTING CONSTRUCTION OF A MAMMOTH BASE IN NORTH KYONGSANG PROVINCE EQUIVALENT TO U.S. BASE ON OKINAWA. THE U.S. HAS ALREADY STARTED TO SECURE THE REQUIRED LAND, AND ACCORDING TO SEOUL SHINMUN, THE BASE IS TO BE EQUIPPED WITH MEDIUM AND SMALL SIZE MISSILES, CHIEFLY AIMING AT THE USSR, AND IS SURROUNDED BY "SO PAEK" MOUNTAINS SO AS TO BE SECURE FROM DETECTION BY USSR OR RED CHINA.
2. THE PAPER ALSO HAS REPORTED THAT THE U.S. FORCES ARE PLANNING CONSTRUCTION OF SEVERAL NEW AIR BASES (IN KOREA) AND MANPOWER IS BEING ADDED TO THE U.S. FORCES IN KOREA. THE PAPER INTERPRETS SUCH MEASURES AS A "DRASTIC AMENDMENT TO NIXON DOCTRINE."
3. MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE SPOKESMAN SONU CHIN SAID MORNING FEB 26 THAT HE KNEW NOTHING AT ALL ABOUT SUCH PLANS. OTHER PAPERS HAVE NOT YET PICKED UP STORY, BUT UNC HAS HAD INQUIRIES FROM CHOSEN ILBO AND KOREA HERALD. IN RESPONSE UNC IS SAYING, "THERE IS NO U.S. BASE CONSTRUCTION UNDERWAY IN KOREA."

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